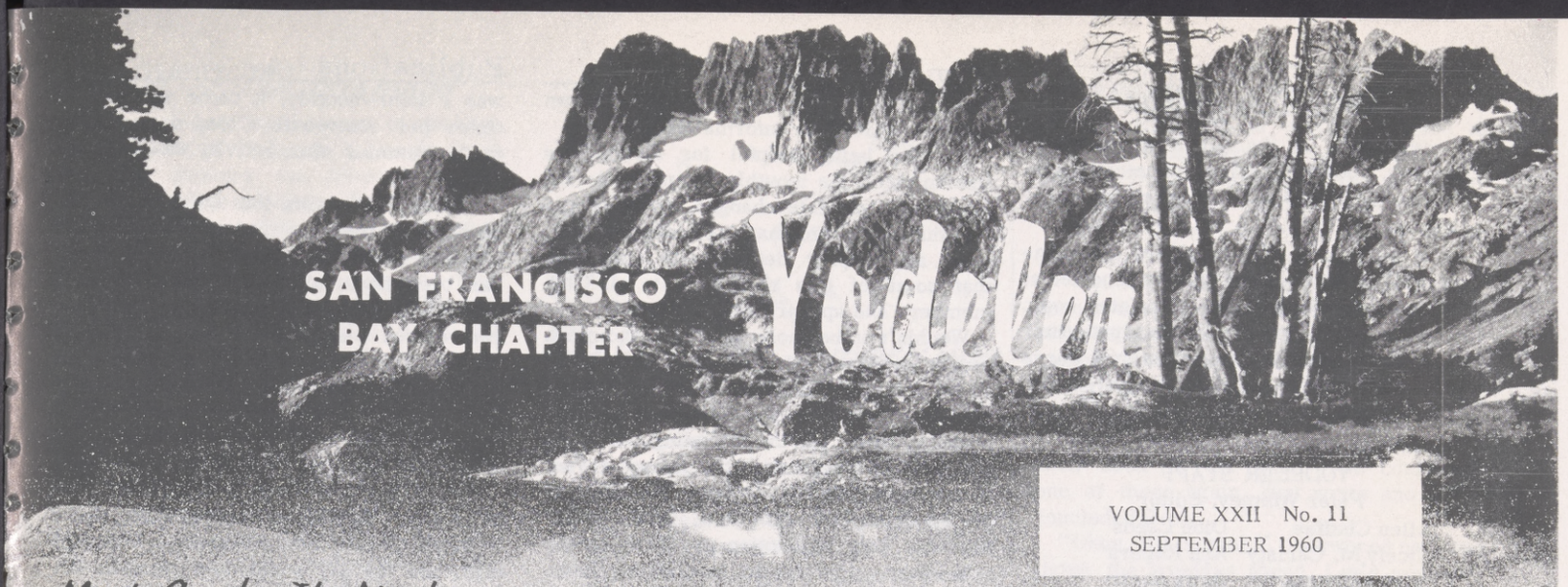

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Marin Speaks Its Mind

Most interesting local news of the month is the public reaction to the plans of the State Division of Highways for developing State Route 1 from Marin City through Stinson Beach, Bolinas, and Olema into a four-lane freeway. Like an iceberg showing only its head above water, the public meeting at Tamalpais Valley School on August 4th is only the visible sign of a battle which started well before the meeting and will certainly continue as long as this proposal stays in the highway plans.

The public meeting was preceded by an informal conference of groups interested in the highway plans, arranged through the courtesy of the Division officials and including Marin County planning officials, National Park Service, members of the Sierra Club and others.

At the conference the highway officials emphasized that they were prepared to discuss only the choice of routes, not the type of highway, for the freeway had been authorized by the Legislature. It was politely pointed out to them that the Legislature listened to voters and would certainly take the freeway out of the plans if enough voters opposed it. Witness the success of Monterey County in removing the Big Sur section of Route 1 from the highway plans. The Division conceded this could be done but thought that interest in the public hearing would be small.

The public, arriving at the meeting in such numbers that many had to stand outside around a loudspeaker system, turned out to be vigorously and vocally opposed to the freeway—any freeway. Quotations from excellent supporting editorials in the San Francisco Progress tell the story: "Other persons besides freeway-crazed motorists must be considered by the Division of Highways" . . . "I hope a road isn't built for those who go so fast they can't remember where they have been" . . . "We do not regard bulldozed asphalt and concrete slopes as improvements."

The Sierra Club statement by Bruce Kilgore crystallized the general sentiment

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Announcement From the Publications Committee

At the beginning of this year there was much discussion about our Chapter Publications: strong arguments were presented for a Yodeler that would go regularly to all Chapter members. It then seemed plausible that income sufficient to support this proposal could be derived from advertising, and on this assumption your Executive Committee authorized the experiment which has now been in progress for several months.

There is, by this time, evidence that communication has been improved by the Yodeler circulated to the full membership.

On the other hand, the help necessary to sell advertising space has not been forthcoming, expenditures have accordingly exceeded income, and it appears doubtful that we can continue circulating the Yodeler to the full Chapter. This question will be considered at the September 12 meeting of the Executive Committee.

The Schedule, which goes to all Chapter members three times each year, had been growing in size for several years, while printing costs had been increasing. It carried advertising, but at rates so low no actual income was produced.

So, to reduce costs, the size of the May-August Schedule was reduced. There have been complaints that the four-line limit on trip writeups was too severe for some situations. The September-Decem-

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Executive Committee

The Bay Chapter Executive Committee meets on Sept. 12 at the Club offices, 1050 Mills Tower, at 7:30. Members are invited to attend and contribute their views; important matters involving the Schedule and Yodeler will be discussed and decided.

Leisure Knapsacking

Over the weekend of August 6, the Leisure Knapsack Section, composed of 14 former crack-of-dawn, hurry-up-and-rest-afterward knapsackers, took off from Grouse Ridge for Pennar Lake, which is located in the Sierra in the vicinity of Emigrant Gap, near Nyack.

While the hike was conducted at a leisurely pace, it could not be called a beginner's walk by any stretch of the imagination. Helen Rudy and Jane Luckham led us cross-country over a rugged, rocky terrain in which a certain amount of ballet-dancers' agility was required. Campsite was reached by 2:00 p.m. and there was plenty of time for relaxation, swimming in the clear, beautiful waters of the lake, preparation of gourmet-type meals and some of the longest bull sessions in the world. A huge, beautiful moon on Saturday night lighted the lake for night swimming for some of us.

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Seizure Knapsacking

No doubt about it—leisure knapsacking is taking the Sierra Club by storm, for the latest to join the ranks of the leisure knapsackers were Rex Smith, Ike Eikrem, and Ola Myers.

In the early morning hours of August 6, these three leisure knapsackers were seen taking a moonlight stroll from Hetch Hetchy Reservoir. After this leisurely stroll of about an hour's length, they took a long, leisurely rest before proceeding a few miles farther to have a leisurely breakfast of canned fruit juice, fresh eggs, cinnamon toast with mint jelly, and tea.

Breakfast being completed, they strolled leisurely on again, making many leisurely stops to observe the deer, the fish, and the wild flowers, and to photograph the beauty of the surrounding country. There

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Communications

Yodeleditor:

A number of us are wondering if the many changes that have taken place on the Yodeler in the past few years are accomplishing their purpose or not. As I understand it:

First, the Yodeler went from volunteer mimeographing to professional mimeographing to printing, to help solve production problems and give a nicer sheet, at very little addition in cost. We still seem to have production problems, there is the usual frantic call for volunteers, and the paper is much more irregular in delivery time.

The results ARE more pleasing to the eye; with this we will agree. But there seems to be a great increase in cost under the present system; the Chapter policy in the past has appeared to have been for sound dollar return rather than for pretty sheets of throw-away paper. Mimeographing is no difficulty; perhaps we can again find someone who will run the machine as we did not so long ago.

The last change, in order to balance the budget and give wider circulation to the Chapter plans and ideas, is the monthly edition to be sent to all, and the correspondingly smaller Schedule. There is considerable dissatisfaction at getting half the material, half as often as before, for the same money (recently increased), so that others can get it free.

There is also considerable confusion in the Schedule section, what is put in, what is left out, the leaders frequently having to make two different write-ups at different times, and having to look in two different places for information.

As for being helpful for last-minute information, the monthly intervals do not allow for very late changes. Some people feel that more information on outings should go to all Chapter members—is it possible that some of this should go to all Club members and appear in the Bulletin?

Wouldn't it be more practical and much easier to make one big push for advertisers in the Schedule, instead of two small pushes for the Schedule and the Yodeler, with all the attending confusion and cost? Perhaps with the money saved, if we do our own duplicating, there might be an East Bay clubroom, which would not only help production problems in the publications, but would meet many long-standing committee needs. Elsa Bailey

Ed. Note: See Announcement by Bruce Grant on Page 1.

Publications Comm. (Cont.)

ber issue has been held to 44 pages, but writeup length was not so strictly limited and we hope much of the objection has been overcome—the saving amounts to over $1000 per year.

Advertising space rates in the Schedule have been increased. Several professionals in the field have offered the opinion that space in the Schedule is worth $20.00 per inch and have recommended that we find volunteers to sell this space. The question remains, who will do the selling? WE DO NEED VOLUNTEERS!

It has been suggested that we return the Yodeler to mimeographed form. But the typewritten mimeographed page can contain only half as many words as the offset printed page of this Yodeler. Production Manager Lou Elliott has advised that production costs can be reduced with more volunteer help in printing and mailing of the Yodeler. Perhaps then, there would not be much saving through going back to mimeograph and there would be lost the present ease of reproducing an occasional photo or sketch.

Whether we are considering a Yodeler circulated to the entire Chapter or a subscription sponsored Yodeler circulated only to those who pay a price, volunteers can be used to advantage during the production of each issue.

If the Yodeler is returned to a subscription circulation, we will again need a committee to maintain records—another opportunity for volunteer help. Cicely Christy, aided by others, handled this chore for fourteen years and has offered to provide guidance to whoever may take this on.

Another point that comes up in many conversations concerns the frequency of Yodeler issue. It is simple arithmetic that for a given circulation, a monthly publication costs half as much as a semi-monthly. Of course, when the Yodeler was a semi-monthly, it came out only 20 times per year—with a long vacant spell in the summer when activity was at a high level.

Probably a reason this question of frequency has been a vexed one is that many announcements have time value and there has been uncertainty concerning delivery time of the Yodeler to members. The present revised deadlines are designed to get the Yodeler into members' hands at least three days before the first week end of each month. Assuming that this schedule is dependably maintained, the usefulness for announcements should be improved.

But it must be kept in mind that, regardless of frequency of publication, there is bound to be a time-lag between editorial night and the day a member receives the Yodeler in the third-class mail. This time is required for make-up, printing, addressing, handling in the post office, and delivery. More than a week is consumed in these steps. Accordingly, deadline for copy must be nearly two weeks ahead of any week-end for which announcements are to be made.

In case we didn't make ourselves completely clear above, WE NEED HELP IN SELLING ADVERTISING SPACE. If selling is not your meat, but you would like to help out on the Chapter publications, there are many other types of opportunity. Just let us know what you would like best or feel best qualified to do.

BRUCE GRANT, Chairman
Publications Commitee

River Touring News

We had the first slalom of the season on the lower Merced River on July 31st. As in skiing, the course for water slaloms lies between marked gates, but these may be straight, reverse, or a 360-degree circle (usually by way of a back eddy). We chose a spot with a veriety of rock hazards but without very fast water or "haystacks."

John Bombay, our chairman, won the standard men's slalom and Elsa Bailey won the women's. We were extremely pleased with the performance of our novice group, most of whom had been on not more than 3 or 4 rivers, but who had participated in our training courses. Their slalom course was identical to the advanced group, but they could hit rocks without penalties. Fen Salter won the men's, and Marida Fowle the women's (coming in one second ahead of me without having to worry about rocks). We had a brave effort by Gamine Freydig, who won the canine novice class (with human paddling propulsion).

We will have two more slaloms later in the season, —Elsa Bailey

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All River Touring Section members are asked to contribute $1 each to the film replacement fund for the Canadian film lost in the Whitmore fire. Send your $1 to Treasurer Bob Hawley or bring it to monthly meeting, September 13. —E.S.

Ascent of the Diamond

The much-publicized ascent of the Diamond face of Colorado's Long's Peak this past summer was accomplished by two Sierra Club members from the Rock Climbing Section of the Angeles Chapter. School teacher Robert Kamps and mathematician David Rearick were the first climbers ever to manage the 1000-foot vertical face, which is just below the summit of the 14,256-foot peak.

While Kamps's wife watched from below, the two men worked for two and a half days on the face and had to finish the climb by negotiating a six-degree overhang for the last three hundred feet.

Though many applicants have applied for permission from the Park Service to climb the face, Kamps and Rearick were the first ones to receive the necessary permission. Both men have done climbing in the Yosemite Valley area. —H.T.

Leisure Knapsacking (Cont.)

The next morning Phil Lydon led us into an area of the lake where about 40 pounds of tin cans were strewn. Phil organized the group into an assembly-line production team; in about an hour the cans were gathered, sorted, flattened and burned. Every member of the group took his share of the cans on the way out and the area was left in pristine loveliness. We can only hope that when Helen again leads a group into Pennar Lake there will not be the disappointment of finding hundreds of such cans.

Upon returning to our starting point our good and generous leaders had ice-cold beer and watermelon waiting for us. Never had beer or melon tasted better! We completed the weekend by meeting for dinner at the Pine Cone Restaurant in Sacramento where we enjoyed succulent fried chicken.

—Helen Deman

Seizure Knapsacking (Cont.)

were also stops to bathe their feet and to swim leisurely in the warm waters of Lonesome Duck Lake and other lakes. But as it was very hot and as drinking water was scarce during the first few miles, they agreed that the most enjoyable stop was that at Tang Creek, where they consumed huge quantities of flavored water.

"We are now convinced 'leisure knapsackers'" said Rex, "for we have found that we can hike considerable distance in a day in this leisurely manner."

It was soon learned that these leisure knapsackers had, in this leisurely manner, hiked from Hetch Hetchy Reservoir to Tilden Lake and back in two days, a distance of about 45 miles. —Ike Eikrem

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FOUND: Brownie Starflex camera with good pictures of two male rock climbers; on July 4, near top of Banner Ritter col. Write A.T. Wilkes, 100 Barrington Walk, Los Angeles, or Call BR 2-3746.

Ski Exercises, Summer Type

Work parties at Clair Tappaan Lodge are in full swing. There's still plenty of pick-'n'-shovel work and wood chopping for the muscular. Build those muscles now for the ski season. Interior finishing on the new recreation room is in progress, and plumbers are needed to finish the work on the washrooms. Meanwhile, up on Signal Hill, the safety gate system is being overhauled and some work on the foundations is necessary. Remember, free room board and transportation for the weekend for workers. Transportation coordinators are listed in the Schedule. —A.S.

Juniors Visit Glen Aulin

A small group of energetic Juniors enjoyed a knapsack trip into Glen Aulin, August 20-21. In spite of low water conditions, the Tuolumne River provided alternating views of quiet pools and white water cascades. A leisurely return to the meadows and brave attempts at swimming at Windy Tenaya Lake completed the trip.

(See Schedule Supplement for the newly scheduled trips).

Castang Cutoff Baptized

Sunday, August 14th, approximately 40 persons followed Joe Ferry on a hike from Ross to Lake Lagunitas. We had a slight delay at the start because the Ross bus leaves at 8:05 not 8:15 but those left in S.F. were undaunted. They caught the next bus and Joe and some volunteers waited at Ross to give them a lift to the camp grounds.

The weather was perfect for hiking and, on the way, Joe explained that we would take a little-known cutoff. He suggested we call it Castang Cutoff in honor of Phillip C. who helped Joe discover this beautiful trail. We were all in hearty agreement. We had lunch at Lagunitas, which we enjoyed in various ways. Some snoozed in the sun while others chatted at the tables under the trees. A number of us climbed up to the lake and made a scientific (?) discovery: The larger the crawfish, the dumber he seems to be. Bill Nakano generously donated portions of his barbecued chicken to the cause.

The little crawfish were more concerned for their safety. Not the big fellow--. He threw all caution to the winds, wouldn't have minded a bit being captured. He definitely had a one-track mind...FOOD. However, he waved a claw in a grateful salute as we turned away. A salute to Bill's contribution, no doubt. Pat Brakefield

A Redwood Halloween

"The first job is to find a place to hold the Halloween Party," casually remarked Betty McCracken, the entertainment chairman for the Bay Chapter.

"Oh"! I wasn't quite warmed up to the job yet.

"You know, big barbecue for fixin' steaks, enough room for folk dancing, maybe some place to hike on Sunday, plenty of space for camping, and try to make it somewhere close," continued Betty.

"Yeah," I tried to vary my response.

"Armstrong and Portola Parks have been used in the past. You could use one of these again...just write and ask," concluded Betty.

"Okay, I'll do that," I answered not realizing the troubles ahead. Let's see now, just a short letter should do it; might as well start with Armstrong.

"Dear Sir:

Would you please reserve the recreation hall on Saturday, October 29 for the Annual Halloween Party of the Sierra Club and Garfield Folk Dancers. We would be decorating the hall during the day on Saturday, have a barbecue steak dinner outdoors in the late afternoon, and then use the hall for folk dancing on Saturday night...and maybe on Sunday as well."

A few days passed, then a few more days. The reply came back. The key sentence: "I regret to inform you that the recreation hall has been closed for repairs and I do not feel they will be completed by October 29th."

Well, on to Portola. After all a party down the peninsula would be convenient. But alas, no better luck. "The recreation hall has been closed at the direction of the State Fire Marshal's office until the structure has been modified," wrote Park Supervisor William Dougherty. "Since we have no funds, I'm afraid that public use of this building will not be permitted this year."

A scouting party set out to find a place. Harry Waterbury, Elizabeth Perry, Walt Ochse, and Pat Cone drove down to Jones Gulch, the San Francisco YMCA camp on the peninsula. The camp was possibly available after the payment of miscellaneous fees, but a misunderstanding could very well develop over the use of beverages, so it was thought best not to pursue this site any longer.

"How about Calaveras Big Trees?" someone suggested.

"HHhhhhhmmmmmm," I couldn't say much more since I had never been there.

Next weekend I drove up to Stockton, then took route 4 heading east, and was soon at Calaveras Big Trees State Park. I looked around the recreation hall; it was large enough for folk dancing, with a big fireplace that is stoked up by the park people in the evening. Walking just behind the hall, I came upon the barbecue

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MARIN SPEAKS (Cont.)

of the audience and was followed by loud and prolonged applause: "(This is) highway construction breeding more traffic . . . housing subdivision . . . tawdry roadside business. Thousands of people have come here to live mainly to enjoy this uniquely beautiful area."

Of course there was support for the freeway among the audience. Real estate values would skyrocket. Highway business would benefit. There was the man who said he was tired of following another car for miles on his way to work. But there is no doubt that here is a freeway which the majority of local residents do not want.

The Sierra Club believes this freeway should be dropped from the State Highway plans in order to keep this excellent scenic area unspoiled by the giant scars and landslides which would follow construction. Bruce Kilgore has followed up his statement with a detailed memorandum, prepared with the help of competent highway engineers, showing that the present road with some sensible improvements and occasional passing lanes on steep grades is adequate to carry the expected traffic.

Good sense suggests that freeways and rapid transit development should be kept to the east side of Marin County, where construction is easier and far cheaper. Good feeder roads, such as one through Lucas Valley from Highway 101 to Point Reyes Station and Olema, would surely be more efficient in gathering traffic into a rapid transit system as Marin development progresses.

The legislators put this freeway into the plans, possibly following an old army defense plan, requiring coastal roads, now obsolete. They can remove it.

We expect that Marin readers will be prompt to tell State Senator John F. McCarthy what they think. His speech at the hearing opened by praising conservation and closed by favoring construction. He will certainly wait to hear from his voters before acting on this in Sacramento. His home address is 711 D Street, San Rafael.

Marin County Supervisors will want to hear from the residents also. The newly elected supervisors should be included on your mailing list. The rest of us have our own senators and assemblymen, and we can also tell Mr. Fred Bagshaw, Assistant Director of Public Works, Sacramento.

—C. M. C.

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SEPTEMBER 10: JUNIORS - TAMALPAIS TREAT. Meet at Mountain Home 10 a.m. Hike to top of Tamalpais for lunch. During lunch we will have a planning session to program activities for the next several months. Come and share your ideas with us. In the afternoon Lyn Wright will be on hand to instruct in and demonstrate mountaineering techniques. Social climbers are welcome. Come and cheer. Transportation coordinator, Ruth Arnon, LA 6-5575.

SEPTEMBER 12: EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE meeting. Mills Tower, 7:30. Members welcome.

SEPTEMBER 17-18: WORK PARTY at Parson's Lodge, Tuolumne, for cleaning campground, fixing water supply, and other jobs. For details, contact Ned Robinson, AT 4-4950 or Larry Burnley LA 4-4742.

SEPTEMBER 10-11: RIVER TOURING on the Russian River. Canoe rental available. Call Oakland Information for John Bombay's new phone number, or call Elaine Simpson, TH 1-2683.

OCTOBER 8-9: JUNIORS: KNAPSACK TRIP Explore the mountain areas near Cisco (Hwy 40) with Phil Lyndon and Anita Suran. Phil will have an informal session on use of map and compass and will point out features of geologic interest. Try to bring an inexpensive compass, a pencil, and topographic map (Cisco quadrangle 7 1/2 min 19.) This trip is not recommended for persons who have had no backpacking experience. If you need or can offer transportation, call Tom Ostweld, LA 4-6233. Deadline for trip reservation, Wednesday, October 5, 8 p.m.

OCTOBER 29-30: HALLOWEEN PARTY Annual Sierra Club and Garfield Folk Dancers Halloween Party at Calaveras Big Trees State Park. Saturday . . . barbecue steak dinner and folk dancing for everyone from beginners to advanced. Sunday . . . hiking and maybe more folk dancing. Plenty of camping space available. Tickets: $2.25. Make checks payable to Elizabeth Perry and mail them to her at 1040 Champion Street, Oakland. Only 125 tickets available, so get your ticket early.

Booth Lake

Led by Rex Smith and prodded on by Ike Eikrem, more than twenty knapsackers marched out of Tuolumne Meadows Camp ground in a cloud of dust, August 13, to the amazement of the sleepy campers nearby. The leisure hike of 7 miles ended at the quiet serenity of Booth Lake at noon. After lunch various members climbed Vogelsang Peak and added Fletcher Peak as side interest. Others explored Vogelsang Pass and Emeric Lake and enjoyed a refreshing swim in Booth Lake. By dusk fish were jumping out all over the lake but alas, there were no fishermen to take advantage of the opportunity.

To add to the leisurely atmosphere of the trip, on the following day Doug Peterson, Ike Eikrem, Ola Myers and Norma Tuckerman strolled down to Yosemite Valley, 21 miles away, visiting Vogelsang Pass and Emeric Lake and seeking Elizabeth Lake.

—P.L.

HALLOWEEN (Cont.)

area which has a big grill that can be raised and lowered over the fire bed, and several large wooden tables and benches—certainly adequate for a big group. Within walking distance of the hall are many campsites which should be available in late October. Around the park are several possible routes for a Sunday hike including the Big Trees Trail. And best of all, the facilities were AVAILABLE!

I talked with several club members and Garfield Folk Dance people, outlined the problem of finding a place, and the conclusion was . . . HALLOWEEN AT CALAVERAS!

If you would like to come along to the Halloween Party, make out a check for $2.25 to Elizabeth Perry and mail it to her at 3040 Champion Street in Oakland. Only 125 tickets are available, so write for your ticket today.

—H. T.

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